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REMARKS

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At about 5 a.m. on 21 September 1953, 6 T-34/85 tanks; and 12 trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns, arrived in Nochten, coming from the direction of Spremberg. Motor vehicle

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\_\_\_\_\_ were identified. \_\_\_\_\_ Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., reports of tank guns were heard. At about 11 p.m., the column left toward Spremberg. At about 10 p.m., about 350 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets carrying full field pack and armed with light and heavy machine guns marched to Nochten, coming from the Uhyst railroad station. The column was preceded by jeep \_\_\_\_\_ occupied by 3 officers. Between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 22 September, firing with light and heavy machine guns was practiced in the infantry training area. Three field kitchens and truck \_\_\_\_\_ were seen on the edge of the training area. At about 6 a.m. on 23 September, 10 trucks, each occupied by 10 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, towing 6 x 57-mm AT guns \_\_\_\_\_ were seen en route toward Nochten, coming from the direction of Cottbus. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., reports of tank guns and AT guns were heard from the artillery firing range.

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\_\_\_\_\_ elements of the 9th Mecz Div are confirmed to have participated in firing practices at Weisswasser between 15 and 24 September. \_\_\_\_\_

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